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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Deputy Director for Science  
and Technology

SUBJECT: Blue Ribbon Defense Panel Report

REFERENCE: Memo from ADD/S&T to D/OSI, dated 17  
August 1970

1. Per your request, we have reviewed subject report. Following are our comments concerning the R&D management and intelligence aspects of the report.

2. The proposed reorganization for management of research and development in the Department of Defense appears to be an improvement over the present structure. Assignment of responsibility for control of Defense R&D and general advanced technology to ARPA (the organization) has merit. The apparent overlap between ARPA's role and that of the proposed Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Advanced Technology, however, could present serious management problems. Also, the reorganization could result in Agency funds being required in the future for certain Directorate-related R&D activities now provided by the DoD at no or little cost.

3. The establishment of a separate group in the OSD for net technical assessment work appears desirable from our viewpoint. If outside the R&D management loop, the NTA effort should provide a somewhat more objective view of foreign capabilities than at present, and perhaps also have greater influence.

4. We believe that the recommendations concerning intelligence in the Department of Defense can only result in improved analysis capabilities. Extended military duty assignments to DIA and improved career development programs

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in intelligence could help bring about a more effective organization and, by extension, strengthen our relationship.

5. We also agree with the recommendation that the Defense Atomic Support Agency should be disestablished. The Agency has outlived its usefulness.

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